

## **TALBOT COUNTY 2003 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE**

<b>Farm Numbers <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
<i>Number of Farms</i>	250	254	288
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	436	438	367
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	109,108	111,144	105,729

<b>Livestock Inventory <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
<i>Cattle</i>	2,367	2,226	1,408
<i>Hogs</i>	1,834	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
<i>Sheep</i>	521	514	276

<b>2002 Value of Sales <sup>1</sup></b>			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			33,451
<i>Poultry &amp; Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			16,507
<i>Grains &amp; Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			12,922
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			1,353

<b>Demographic Data <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997 <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2002</b>
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	52.4	54.7	55.6
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	9.2	9.1	7.3

<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			700
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			1,930
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$8,375,000

<b>Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	4	<i>Soybeans</i>	4
<i>Barley</i>	9	<i>Vegetables</i>	14
<i>Forage</i>	22	<i>Wheat</i>	3

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 <sup>1</sup></b>			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	22	<i>Milk Cows</i>	13
<i>Broilers</i>	6	<i>Sheep</i>	16
<i>Hogs</i>	10		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	32,200	146.6	4,719,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	32,100	61.7	1,981,400
	<i>2003</i>	30,800	121.0	3,726,800
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	600	18.3	11,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	800	12.3	9,800
	<i>2003</i>	*	*	*
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	46,300	42.0	1,944,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	43,200	17.8	771,100
	<i>2003</i>	38,800	36.0	1,395,300
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i>	18,500	64.5	1,194,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	17,400	69.0	1,200,000
	<i>2003</i>	13,800	35.0	483,100
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	<i>2001</i>	700	2.9	2,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	600	1.7	1,000
	<i>2003</i>	500	3.0	1,500
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	<i>2001</i> <sup>3</sup>	2,100	76.2	160,000
	<i>2002</i> <sup>3</sup>	1,900	83.6	158,800
	<i>2003</i>	2,400	63.6	152,600

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$78.32	\$69.77	\$78.40

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